

The Order for
the administration of the
Ante-Communion

on Monday in Holy Week

March 29th, 2021 at 5 p.m.



O Savior of the world,
who by thy Cross and precious Blood hast redeemed us;
Save us and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.

THE ANTE-COMMUNION

The Introit. Ps. 35 *Judica, Domine.*

The prayer of the Lord's faithful servant for deliverance from the scheming of his enemies, the betrayals by those who were his friends, and hatred without a cause. A prophecy of the Lord's Passion.

PLEAD thou my cause, O LORD, with them that strive with me,
* and fight thou against them that fight against me.

2 Lay hand upon the shield and buckler,
* and stand up to help me.

3 Bring forth the spear,
and stop the way against them that pursue¹ me:
* say unto my soul, I am thy salvation.

4 Let them be confounded, and put to shame,
that seek after my soul;
* let them be turned back, and brought to confusion,
that imagine mischief for me.

5 Let them be as the dust before the wind,
* and the angel of the LORD scattering them.

6 Let their way be dark and slippery,
* and let the angel of the LORD pursue them.

7 For they have privily laid their net
to destroy me without a cause;
* yea, even without a cause
have they made a pit for my soul.

8 Let a sudden destruction come upon him unawares,
and his net that he hath laid privily catch himself;
* that he may fall into his own mischief.

9 And my soul shall be joyful in the LORD;
* it shall rejoice in his salvation.

10 All my bones shall say,
LORD, who is like unto thee,
who deliverest the poor
from him that is too strong for him;
* yea, the poor, and him that is in misery,
from him that spoileth him?

A plea for deliverance from false witness and bitter ingratitude

11 False witnesses did rise up:
* they laid to my charge things that I knew not.

12 They rewarded me evil for good,
* to the great discomfort of my soul.

13 Nevertheless, when they were sick,
I put on sack-cloth, and humbled my soul with fasting;
* and my prayer shall turn into mine own bosom.

14 I behaved myself as though it had been my friend or my brother;
* I went heavily, as one that mourneth for his mother.

15 But in mine adversity they rejoiced,
and gathered themselves together;
* yea, the very abjects came together against me unawares,
making mouths at me, and ceased not.

16 With the flatterers were busy mockers,
* who gnashed upon me with their teeth.

17 Lord, how long wilt thou look upon this?
* O deliver my soul from the calamities which they bring on me,
and my darling from the lions.

18 So will I give thee thanks in the great congregation;
* I will praise thee among much people.

A plea for God to justify and vindicate him as righteous.

19 O let not them that are mine enemies triumph over me ungodly;
* neither let them wink with their eyes,
that hate me without a cause.

20 And why? their communing is not for peace;
* but they imagine deceitful words
against them that are quiet in the land.

21 They gaped upon me with their mouths, and said,
* Fie on thee! fie on thee! we saw it with our eyes.

22 This thou hast seen, O LORD;
* hold not thy tongue then; go not far from me, O Lord.

23 Awake, and stand up to judge my quarrel;
* avenge thou my cause, my God and my Lord.

24 Judge me, O LORD my God, according to thy righteousness;
* and let them not triumph over me.

25 Let them not say in their hearts, There! there! so would we have it;
* neither let them say, We have devoured him.

26 Let them be put to confusion and shame together,
that rejoice at my trouble;
* let them be clothed with rebuke and dishonour,
that boast themselves against me.

27 Let them be glad and rejoice,
that favour my righteous dealing;
* yea, let them say always, Blessed be the LORD,
who hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant.

28 And as for my tongue, it shall be talking of thy righteousness,
* and of thy praise, all the day long.

The Gloria Patri is not said.

Minister. The Lord be with you.

Answer. And with the spirit.

Minister. Let us pray.

OPENING PRAYERS

said by the priest alone

The Collect for Purity

ALMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PREPARING IN PENITENCE.

Priest. Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith.

THOU shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it; Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

¶ *Here shall be said,*

The Lord be with you.

Answer. And with thy spirit.

Minister. Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day.

AL MIGHTY God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified; Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Let us pray:

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all those who are penitent; Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness. may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth one God, world without end. *Amen.*

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

The Epistle: Isaiah 63:1 *The Lord's day of vengeance and redemption.*

Clerk: The Lesson for the Epistle is written in the 63rd chapter of the book of the prophet Isaiah, beginning at the 1st verse:

IN those days: spake the Lord by the prophet, saying:
Who is this that cometh from Edom,
with dyed garments from Bozrah?
this that is glorious in his apparel,
travelling in the greatness of his strength?
I that speak in righteousness,
mighty to save.

Wherefore art thou red in thine apparel,
and thy garments like him that treadeth in the winefat?
I have trodden the winepress alone;
and of the people there was none with me:
for I will tread them in mine anger,
and trample them in my fury;
and their blood shall be sprinkled upon my garments,
and I will stain all my raiment.
For the day of vengeance is in mine heart,
and the year of my redeemed is come.
And I looked, and there was none, to help;
and I wondered that there was none to uphold:
therefore mine own arm brought salvation unto me;

and my fury it upheld me.
And I will tread down the people in mine anger,
and make them drunk in my fury,
and I will bring down their strength to the earth.

I will mention the loving-kindnesses of the Lord,
and the praises of the Lord
according to all that the Lord hath bestowed on us... *

[The Lesson may end here, or it may continue:]

...and the great goodness toward the house of Israel,
which he hath bestowed on them according to his mercies,
and according to the multitude of his lovingkindnesses.

⁸ For he said, Surely they are my people,
children that will not lie:
so he was their Saviour.

⁹ In all their affliction he was afflicted,
and the angel of his presence saved them:
in his love and in his pity he redeemed them;
and he bare them, and carried them all the days of old.

¹⁰ But they rebelled, and vexed his holy Spirit:
therefore he was turned to be their enemy,
and he fought against them.

¹¹ Then he remembered the days of old,
Moses, and his people, saying,
Where is he that brought them up out of the sea
with the shepherd of his flock?

where is he that put
his holy Spirit within him?

¹² That led them by the right hand of Moses
with his glorious arm,
dividing the water before them,
to make himself an everlasting name?

¹³ That led them through the deep,
as an horse in the wilderness,
that they should not stumble?

14 As a beast goeth down into the valley,
the Spirit of the LORD caused him to rest:
so didst thou lead thy people,
to make thyself a glorious name.

15 Look down from heaven,
and behold from the habitation of thy holiness and of thy glory:
where is thy zeal and thy strength,
the sounding of thy bowels and of thy mercies toward me?
are they restrained?

16 Doubtless thou art our father,
though Abraham be ignorant of us,
and Israel acknowledge us not:
thou, O LORD, art our father, our redeemer;
thy name is from everlasting.

17 O LORD, why hast thou made us to err from thy ways,
and hardened our heart from thy fear?
Return for thy servants' sake,
the tribes of thine inheritance.

18 The people of thy holiness have possessed it but a little while:
our adversaries have trodden down thy sanctuary.

19 We are thine: thou never barest rule over them;
they were not called by thy name.

The Passion according to Saint Mark 14:1

AFTER two days was the feast of the passover, and of unleavened bread: and the chief priests and the scribes sought how they might take Jesus by craft, and put him to death. But they said, Not on the feast day, lest there be an uproar of the people.

And being in Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at meat, there came a woman having an alabaster box of ointment of spikenard very precious; and she brake the box, and poured it on his head. And there were some that had indignation within themselves, and said, Why was this waste of the ointment made? for it might have been sold for more than three hundred pence, and have been given to the poor. And they murmured against her. And Jesus said, Let her

alone; why trouble ye her? she hath wrought a good work on me. For ye have the poor with you always, and whensoever ye will ye may do them good: but me ye have not always. She hath done what she could: she is come aforehand to anoint my body to the burying. Verily I say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached throughout the whole world, this also that she hath done shall be spoken of for a memorial of her.

And Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve, went unto the chief priests, to betray him unto them. And when they heard it, they were glad, and promised to give him money. And he sought how he might conveniently betray him.

And the first day of unleavened bread, when they killed the passover, his disciples said unto him, Where wilt thou that we go and prepare that thou mayest eat the passover? And he sendeth forth two of his disciples, and saith unto them, Go ye into the city, and there shall meet you a man bearing a pitcher of water: follow him. And wheresoever he shall go in, say ye to the good-man of the house, The Master saith, Where is the guestchamber, where I shall eat the passover with my disciples? And he will shew you a large upper room furnished and prepared: there make ready for us. And his disciples went forth, and came into the city, and found as he had said unto them: and they made ready the passover.

And in the evening he cometh with the twelve. And as they sat and did eat, Jesus said, Verily I say unto you, One of you which eateth with me shall betray me. And they began to be sorrowful, and to say unto him one by one, Is it I? and another said, Is it I? And he answered and said unto them, It is one of the twelve, that dippeth with me in the dish. The Son of man indeed goeth, as it is written of him: but woe to that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! good were it for that man if he had never been born. And as they did eat, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and brake it, and gave to them, and said, Take, eat; this is my body. And he took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them: and they all drank of it. And he said unto them, This is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many. Verily I say unto you, I will drink no more of the fruit of the vine, until that day that I drink it new in the

kingdom of God. And when they had sung an hymn, they went out into the mount of Olives.

And Jesus saith unto them, All ye shall be offended because of me this night: for it is written, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered. But after that I am risen I will go before you into Galilee. But Peter said unto him, Although all shall be offended, yet will not I. And Jesus saith unto him, Verily I say unto thee, that this day even in this night, before the cock crow twice, thou shalt deny me thrice. But he spake the more vehemently, If I should die with thee, I will not deny thee in any wise. Likewise also said they all.

And they came to a place which was named Gethsemane: and he saith to his disciples, Sit ye here, while I shall pray. And he taketh with him Peter and James and John, and began to be sore amazed, and to be very heavy; and saith unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful unto death: tarry ye here, and watch. And he went forward a little, and fell on the ground, and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. And he said, Abba, Father, all things are possible unto thee; take away this cup from me: nevertheless not what I will, but what thou wilt. And he cometh. and findeth them sleeping, and saith unto Peter, Simon, sleepest thou? couldest not thou watch one hour? Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. The spirit truly is ready, but the flesh is weak. And again he went away, and prayed, and spake the same words. And when he returned, he found them asleep again, (for their eyes were heavy,) neither wist they what to answer him. And he cometh the third time, and saith unto them, Sleep on now, and take your rest: it is enough, the hour is come; behold, the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise up, let us go; lo, he that betrayeth me is at hand.

And immediately, while he yet spake, cometh Judas, one of the twelve, and with him a great multitude with swords and staves, from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders. And he that betrayed him had given them a token, saying, Whomsoever I shall kiss, that same is he; take him, and lead him away safely. And as soon as he was come, he goeth straightway to him, and saith, Master, master; and kissed him. And they laid their hands on him, and took him. And one of them that

stood by drew a sword, and smote a servant of the high priest, and cut off his ear. And Jesus answered and said unto them, Are ye come out, as against a thief, with swords and with staves, to take me? I was daily with you in the temple teaching, and ye took me not: but the scriptures must be fulfilled. And they all forsook him, and fled. And there followed him a certain young man, having a linen cloth cast about his naked body; and the young men laid hold on him: and he left the linen cloth, and fled from them naked.

And they led Jesus away to the high priest: and with him were assembled all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes. And Peter followed him afar off, even into the palace of the high priest: and he sat with the servants, and warmed himself at the fire. And the chief priests and all the council sought for witness against Jesus to put him to death; and found none. For many bare false witness against him, but their witness agreed not together. And there arose certain, and bare false witness against him, saying, We heard him say, I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and within three days I will build another made without hands. But neither so did their witness agree together. And the high priest stood up in the midst, and asked Jesus, saying, Answerest thou nothing? what is it which these witness against thee? But he held his peace, and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked him, and said unto him, Art thou the Christ, the Son of the Blessed? And Jesus said, I am: and ye shall see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven. Then the high priest rent his clothes, and saith, What need we any further witnesses? ye have heard the blasphemy: what think ye? And they all condemned him to be guilty of death. And some began to spit on him, and to cover his face, and to buffet him, and to say unto him, Prophesy: and the servants did strike him with the palms of their hands.

And as Peter was beneath in the palace, there cometh one of the maids of the high priest: and when she saw Peter warming himself, she looked upon him, and said, And thou also wast with Jesus of Nazareth. But he denied, saying, I know not, neither understand I what thou sayest. And he went out into the porch; and the cock crew. And a maid saw him again, and began to say to them that stood by, This is one of them. And he denied it again. And a little after, they that stood by said again to

Peter, Surely thou art one of them: for thou art a Galilean, and thy speech agreeth thereto. But he began to curse and to swear, saying, I know not this man of whom ye speak. And the second time the cock crew. And Peter called to mind the word that Jesus said unto him, Before the cock crow twice, thou shalt deny me thrice. And when he thought thereon, he wept.

The Creed is not said.

The Address

THE OFFERTORY

To do good, and to distribute, forget not; for with such sacrifices God is well pleased. *Heb. xiii. 16.*

The Biddings and The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

Minister. Of your charity I bid your prayers for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed:

Rest ☩ eternal grant unto them, O Lord;

Answer. and let light perpetual shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. *Amen.*

The Prayer for Christ's Church.

¶ *Then shall the Priest say,*

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church.

ALTMIGHTY and everliving God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men; We humbly beseech thee most mercifully to accept our alms and oblations, and to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: And grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

We beseech thee also, so to direct and dispose the hearts of all Christian Rulers, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of thy true religion, and virtue.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops and other Ministers, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy People give thy heavenly grace; and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear, and receive thy holy Word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless ✠ thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear; beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service, and to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

Magnificat. St. Luke i. 46.

The candles are snuffed while Magnificat is said. All other lights are also dimmed.

MY soul doth magnify the Lord,
* and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For he hath regarded
* the lowliness of his handmaiden.

For behold, from henceforth
* all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me;
* and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him
* throughout all generations.

He hath showed strength with his arm;
* he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat,
* and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things;
* and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel;
* as he promised to our forefathers,
Abraham and his seed, for ever.

Closing Prayers

Antiphon: Christ for our sakes became obedient unto death: even the death of the cross.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who of thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility; Mercifully grant, that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection;

A noise is made, and a lit candle is set in a prominent place. All depart in silence.

